

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Approval of Minutes

ITEM NO.: 8.A.

PREPARED BY: Cathy L. Torkos
Clerk of the Board

MEETING: September 26, 2006
ACTION DATE: September 26, 2006
INFORMATION ONLY: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the revised minutes of the September 12, 2006 regular meeting.

KEY POINTS:

- Attached are the revised minutes for the September 12, 2006 regular meeting.
- Ms. Reinboldt indicated that it was not her intent to change the August 22, 2006 minutes to include the \$600,000 expense to hire the 10 additional teachers approved at this meeting as it was not made part of the motion presented at the August meeting. Instead, Ms. Reinboldt asked that her comments in the September 12, 2006 meeting minutes reflect this cost to hire the additional 10 teachers.
- The minutes of September 12, 2006 have been amended as requested by Ms. Reinboldt. The changes are on Page 5 and identified with an “*.” The stricken language will be removed.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: Not applicable.

FUNDING SOURCE: Not applicable.

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: Bylaw 1-38.5

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2006, 5:00 P.M., AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: EDWARD SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN; DANA REINBOLDT, VICE-CHARMAN; ROBERT BELMAN; PATRICIA HEALY; NANETTE KIDBY; JOHN LEDOUX; AND DOREEN PHILLIPS. ALSO PRESENT WERE ANDRÉ NOUGARET, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT, AND CATHY TORKOS, CLERK OF THE BOARD.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – APPROVED AS AMENDED

MOTION MADE BY JOHN LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY ROBERT BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT BELMAN AND SECONDED BY JOHN LEDOUX THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes: August 22, 2006 Meeting;
- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments;
- C. Overnight Field Trip Requests;
- D. Religious Exemption Requests;
- E. Award of Contract: Electrical Overhead Line Relocation – MS 2008; and
- F. Award of Contract: Custodial Cleaning Supplies.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Connect with Kids – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The School Board received information on expanding the *Connect with Kids* initiative to include supplementary support materials for students, teachers, parents and community members and to purchase *Connect with Kids* supplementary support materials in the amount of \$114,500. Action will be requested at the September 26, 2006 meeting.

Award of Contract: A/E Design Services – Renovation of Grafton Village and Falmouth Elementary Schools – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The School Board received information on the award of an A/E Professional Services Contract for design services for the renovation of Grafton Village and Falmouth

Elementary schools. Action will be requested at the September 26, 2006 meeting.

Award of Contract: Mechanical and Electrical Commissioning Services – MS2008 – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The School Board received information on the award of a contract to Hurd & Obenchain Consulting Engineers of 11508 Allecingie Parkway, Richmond, Virginia to provide mechanical and electrical commissioning services for MS2008. Action will be requested at the September 26, 2006 meeting.

Award of Contract: A/E Design Services – Chiller Replacement – Hampton Oaks Elementary School – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The School Board received information on the award of a professional service contract in the amount of \$27.8K to B2E Consulting Engineers of Edward Ferry Road, NE Leesburg, Virginia 20176 for the design of the chiller replacement at Hampton Oaks Elementary School. Action will be requested at the September 26, 2006 meeting.

Ms. Kidby requested a prioritized list of Capital Improvement Plan items and how funding will be used to fund these items.

Award of Contract: Storage Sheds – Dixon-Smith Middle School – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The School Board received information on the award of a construction contract (delivery order) to Centennial Contractors Enterprise, Inc., of 112 Juliad Court, Suite 280, Fredericksburg, Virginia for the installation of two (2) storage sheds at Dixon-Smith Middle School. Action will be requested at the September 26, 2006 meeting.

Hs. Healy requested information regarding funds available in the Dixon-Smith Middle School project account to support this additional request.

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT DUMP TRUCK - APPROVED

MOTION MADE BY JOHN LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY PATRICIA HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD SUSPEND BYLAW #1-30.B AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT DUMP TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,580 TO GOODPASTURE MOTOR COMPANY, P.O. BOX 16277, BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24209. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Construction Change Order: Additional Parking Lot Repairs – Dixon-Smith Middle and Grafton Village Elementary Schools – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The School Board received information on the award of a change order to SK Constructors of Annapolis Junction, Maryland to repair additional pavement in the parent drop off area (west parking) at Grafton Village Elementary School. Action will be requested at the September 26, 2006 meeting.

Ms. Healy commented that this agenda item was not clear in that the work had already been done and requested that future agenda items be more specific under these circumstances. Staff indicated they had no choice but to get this work done as soon as

possible due to circumstances beyond their control.

High School Graduations 2007 – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The School Board received information regarding off-site 2007 high school graduation survey results and requested School Board direction for any additional information necessary to facilitate a decision on September 26, 2006 on this matter. Action will be requested at the September 26, 2006 meeting.

Preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Results – INFORMATION ONLY

The School Board received information provided to attendees at the formal Average Yearly Progress presentation held at Rocky Run Elementary School on August 31, 2006, and also received a preliminary Learning Action Plan for Middle School Math which is currently under review by the middle school principals and their math teachers. Amended updated information was provided to the School Board at the meeting. No action was requested.

Report Card Pilot: Grades 4-5 – INFORMATION ONLY

The School Board received information regarding the Report Card Pilot for grades 4 and 5. No action was requested.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (NONE)

CLOSED SESSION (NONE)

ADJOURNMENT

The School Board adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

The School Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m. and the Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Snively, Rockhill District, addressed concerns with the \$75 parking fee, senior dues, and graduation at the Expo Center.

Dean Fetterolf, Rockhill District, addressed concerns with the SOL scores, the school opening delays, supplies students are required to purchase for their classrooms, and the extravagant Paris trip planned for a middle school drama class.

Robert Parks, Boy Scouts of America, presented information regarding the Federal Register's Rules and Regulations addressing equal access to public school facilities for the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Janette Martin, Stafford County Education Association, expressed concern regarding the large class sizes at schools and the lack of furniture and space to accommodate the students.

Carol Starbuck, Garrisonville District, expressed concern regarding class sizes, students sharing books, and a deaf teacher teaching sign language to students.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Student Matters: Discipline Committee

Prior to the School Board meeting, a committee of the School Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee:

- Upheld the suspension of Student "A" for the 2006-2007 school year with 10 days to be served and the balance held in abeyance conditional upon good behavior and following all school rules.

School Board Committee Reports

Ms. Phillips reported on the Block Scheduling Committee meeting she and Ms. Kidby attended and expressed her thanks to Executive Director of Accountability Doug Schuch and Program Evaluation Specialists Cheryl O'Connor on a very well organized meeting.

Mr. Belman reported on the meeting he and Ms. Healy attended with Interim Superintendent Nougaret and AAU Basketball organization regarding fees proposed for use of school facilities.

Ms. Kidby reported on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and announced that the meetings were held every Monday evening and reminded everyone of the public input sessions that will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at Rodney Thompson Middle School and again on Thursday, October 12, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at Ferry Farm Elementary School.

School Board Comments

Dr. LeDoux reported that he had visited various schools and they all looked great.

Ms. Healy thanked Interim Superintendent Nougaret and Executive Director of Planning and Construction Scott Horan for their excellent presentation at Mountain View High School regarding the unfinished baseball fields. She also reported that she attended a meeting with a group of citizens who have formed a "Tower Concerns" meeting regarding the proposed construction of transmission lines through some of Stafford's school properties. Ms. Healy and Dr. LeDoux were appointed to attend these meetings and report back to the School Board. Ms. Healy also commented on the \$75 parking fee and concerns she has received from her constituents, and thanked Interim Superintendent Nougaret for the A. G. Wright Middle School renovations.

Ms. Phillips acknowledged Principal Nancy Coll and the great job she did in opening Anthony Burns Elementary School; was successful in obtaining a State flag through Delegate William Howell for Anthony Burns Elementary School; and attended a Focus Teachers' meeting.

Mr. Belman thanked staff and the great job they did in opening schools, specifically addressed the traffic problem at Conway Elementary the first day and within 24 hours the problem was resolved, commented on Mountain View High School's football teams first win, visited Dixon-Smith Middle and Anthony Burns Elementary schools; and acknowledged the success of YMCA's before- and after-school child care program. Mr. Belman also requested that the School Board approve an additional assistant principal for Dixon-Smith Middle School.

Ms. Kidby thanked Interim Superintendent Nougaret in serving a "double roll" during the past few months, and she addressed concern with the large class sizes she observed during her visits to various schools.

***Ms. Reinboldt requested that the September 12, 2006 minutes indicate that the cost to hire 10 additional teachers voted on at the August 22, 2006 meeting was at a cost of \$600,000, because the cost was not mentioned in the original motion that was made as it was important that citizens know the cost of this expenditure.** ~~Ms. Reinboldt requested that the August 22, 2006 minutes include the cost of \$600,000 to hire the 10 additional teachers approved by the School Board at this meeting;~~ She also recognized and congratulated Winding Creek Technology Resource Teacher Lori Chaney for being selected as the Region III Teacher of the Year for the Commonwealth of Virginia; and echoed Ms. Healy's concerns with the proposed construction of transmission lines through some of Stafford County School properties.

Mr. Sullivan thanked staff and teachers for all their hard work in opening schools and especially thanked Executive Director Horan and his efforts with opening the new Dixon-Smith Middle and Anthony Burns Elementary schools. He also addressed citizen comments made earlier in the meeting regarding the large classroom sizes and the student fees established for the 2006-2007 school year.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Comments

Interim Superintendent Nougaret acknowledged September 11, 2001, and the various activities held at the schools in memory of those who lost their lives on that day; gave a report on the Average Daily Membership as of September 12, 2006; addressed staffing concerns and specific class sizes at the elementary, middle, and high school levels; announced a Community Forum meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Mountain View High School; gave an update on the numerous improvements completed at all schools; recognized and congratulated Lori Chaney for her selection as the Region III Teacher of the Year for the Commonwealth of Virginia; announced the Parent Roundtable meeting at Stafford High School on October 12,

2006, and the Advisory Committee Orientation meeting on September 21, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.; requested a School Board volunteer to do the "welcome" portion of the committee orientation meeting; and reported the various options staff proposed to make-up time at Dixon-Smith Middle and Anthony Burns Elementary schools due to their four-day delayed openings.

It was the consensus of the School Board to direct Interim Superintendent Nougaret to appoint an assistant principal at Dixon-Smith Middle School as this was an administrative decision and did not require a motion by the School Board along with staff implementing a process to make-up time at Dixon-Smith Middle and Anthony Burns Elementary schools due to their four-day delayed openings.

Chairman Sullivan volunteered to do the "Welcome" portion of the Advisory Committee Orientation agenda for September 21, 2006.

Interim Superintendent Nougaret announced the appointment of Interim Assistant Superintendent for Support Services Donald Upperco who will serve in this position during the Interim Superintendent's tenure.

ACTION ITEMS

Proposed Amendment to Policy 5-56: Holidays – TABLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The School Board received information regarding proposed amendments to Policy 5-56: Holidays. It was the consensus of the School Board that the proposed language was not clear in describing the intent of the additional holidays that will be observed by 12-month employees. Staff will rewrite the amendments for consideration at the September 26, 2006, meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO POLICY 7-61.1: ADMINISTRATION OF SURVEYS AND QUESTIONNAIRES – APPROVED

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT BELMAN AND SECONDED BY DOREEN PHILLIPS THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED POLICY 7-61.1, ADMINISTRATION OF SURVEYS AND QUESTIONNAIRES, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER: TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC) CHANGES – DIXON-SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL – APPROVED

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT BELMAN AND SECONDED BY NANETTE KIDBY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AWARD OF A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,600 TO SK CONSTRUCTORS OF ANNAPOLIS JUNCTION, MARYLAND TO IMPLEMENT STAFFORD COUNTY TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE CHANGES TO BID DOCUMENTS. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPOINTMENT OF 2006-2007 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

MOTION MADE BY JOHN LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY DANA REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICANTS AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.